

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING

PROGRAM NARRATIVE

PROGRAM NAME **MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM (MSSP)**

Program/Element/Component:

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DESCRIPTION MSSP provides both social and health care case management for frail elderly clients who wish to remain in their own homes and communities. The goal of the program is to use available community services to prevent or delay institutionalization of these frail clients. The services must be provided at a cost lower than that of a skilled nursing facility.

BENEFITS A team of health and social service professionals provide each client with a complete health and psychosocial assessment to determine what services are needed. The team then works with the client, physician, family, and others to develop an individualized care plan.

Services include, but are not limited to: case management, adult day social care, housing assistance, in-home chore and personal care services, respite services, transportation services, protective services, meal services, and special communication assistance.

ELIGIBILITY Clients eligible for the program must be a least 65 years of age, currently eligible for Medi-Cal, and certified or certifiable for placement in an intermediate or skilled nursing facility.

ACCESS Information on the Multipurpose Senior Services Program and how to qualify and receive services can be obtained by calling the statewide toll free line at **800-510-2020** or the local Area Agency on Aging listed in the blue-bordered pages of the Community Services section of the Yellow Pages under Senior Information and Referral.

BACKGROUND MSSP was established by the Social Security Act, Title XIX, Home and Community-Based Waiver (Sec 2176) and was initially authorized in 1977 as a four-year demonstration and research project. CH 1453/82 extended the program contingent upon obtaining the Title XIX Waiver. CH 1637/84 authorized transfer of the program to the Department of

Aging. CH 879/88 authorized continuation of the program until June 30, 1990. CH 1318/89 authorized the program for as long as a federal waiver is granted.

A Budget Change Proposal in FY 98/99 added 13 sites to expand services to all non-served Planning and Service Areas in the State.

The FY 2000/01 Governor's budget authorized statewide expansion of the program to serve up to 16,335 clients a year. Through an RFP process, 6 new MSSP sites were selected. This brought the statewide total of MSSP sites to 41.

MSSP currently has 41 sites statewide that serve (in total) up to 16,335 clients a year.

MSSP's current five-year waiver expires June 2009.